

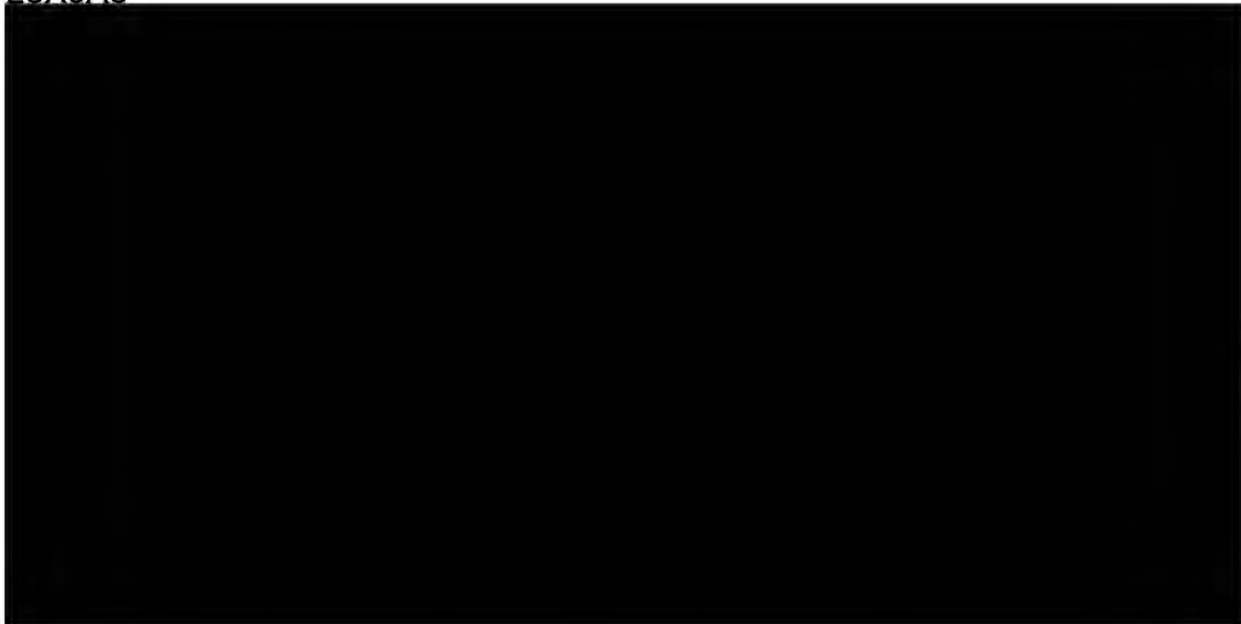
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2. At the request of Dr. Kent, raised with the Director the question of informing the IAC as to his intention to include in the briefings for Presidential candidates summaries of current national estimates. The DCI was unwilling to do so, on the ground that the IAC does not sit as a Board of Directors and has no right to pass upon what the President does with national estimates after they have been prepared and delivered to him. This action is being taken in response to directions issued by the President, himself. So informed Dr. Kent.

3. As noted in yesterday's Diary, gave to the Director for his consideration a copy of the trial run of the briefings for the candidates as prepared by O/CI.

25X1C8b 4. Mr. Wisner commented on a [REDACTED] study on the [REDACTED] Communist party which he planned to refer to me in order to obtain the comments of the Intelligence Offices. I explained to him the background of CIA's unwillingness to comment on [REDACTED] estimates, but we agreed that this could be treated as an operational matter, -- our comments to be transmitted to Mr. Wisner, who will synthesize them into his operational comments.

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5. Attended PRC.

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6. Lunched with [REDACTED] of O/CI, and suggested that his Office should do some real thinking as to what improvements should be brought about in the Watch Committee procedure. The appearance of Gen. Partridge on the scene afforded a new frame of reference and this opportunity should not be neglected. There were two primary questions: one, who should be the permanent chairman (and it would be impossible to answer this question until everyone had an opportunity to [REDACTED])

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The other question related to the procedures of the Watch Committee. A number of views expressed by O/CI seem to me unduly complicated. Furthermore, O/CI should attempt not only to satisfy its own needs, but also to satisfy legitimate requirements of the Military Services. These should not be brushed aside as of no importance. Finally, I passed on the remark of [REDACTED] to the effect that the Watch Committee today misconceives its purpose as being that of writing a report. This remark was worthy of serious consideration.

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7. Gave a brief talk of welcome to Matthew Baird's intelligence trainees.

8. Received a call from Dr. Henderson of AEC indicating that the Medical Subcommittee of the SIC was framing a request to the IAC to re-constitute said committee parallel with JAEIC. I indicated to Dr. Henderson that I disagreed with the proposal. Later spoke to Dr. Chadwell and indicated my feeling that [REDACTED] had failed to give effect to the policy decision that had been very clearly made at the previous day's meeting in O/SI, where I had indicated willingness to have the Medical group formally constitute itself a Working Conference, but had wholly disapproved of the Committee's status as another JAEIC. I thereafter requested [REDACTED] to convene another meeting of the ad hoc Scientific and Technical Committee so that we could thrash out, with the Services, their definitive position on this point. I requested Dr. Chadwell to insure that, in the meantime, any action by the Medical group be deferred. Dr. Chadwell later informed me that the next meeting of the Medical group was scheduled on Friday of next week and we should have our ad hoc meeting prior to that time.

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9. Met with [REDACTED] and other representatives of FI, respecting the institution of a CIA SSO system of communications. I approved the establishment of such a system for [REDACTED] the order named and suggested that the most difficult single point was obtaining qualified individuals to head up this activity in the respective field stations. The plan is to have a combined Operational and Strategic Division cleared area, separate and apart from the Military SSO office. At the conclusion of this meeting, [REDACTED] undertook to draft some

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general recommendations which would likely be implemented by the O/CI Policy and Plans Staff. Later brought Mr. Sheldon up to date on our discussion. He will cooperate with [REDACTED] on the suggestion. I suggested tentatively to Mr. Sheldon that control of this activity should properly be placed on the heads of the respective [REDACTED] who would have direct access to the Senior Representative and could also maintain direct contact with O/CI. It was imperative that AD/CI have strict control over this activity.

10. Authorized dissemination of the FTC report on Petroleum to Mr. Amory and cautioned him as to the necessity of limiting distribution within his Office and the care that must be taken to insure that no reference to the report be made outside his Office.

11. Dr. Andrews informed me that PSB had requested the facilities of the CIA Library and that he recommended that they be referred to the Library of Congress. I concurred.

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13. Mr. Amory informed me that the alleged security leak, which was said to have occurred in an Atlantic phone conversation, involved no CIA personnel and that in the view of [REDACTED] no security leak had, in fact, occurred. 25X1A9a

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